

NEW TELEPHONE TOLL RATES

*Effective January 21, 1919, as announced on December 13, 1918,
by the Postmaster General, Washington*

A new method of computing charges on telephone toll calls (to points outside the local service area) under which all toll rates throughout the United States are placed on a standard basis, becomes effective 12:01 a. m. January 21, 1919. A brief description of this new method and of its application to the several classes of service is given herewith.

"STATION TO STATION" RATE

When a person makes a toll call without specifying that conversation is desired with a particular person, and the connection is established, and conversation held, the "station to station" rate applies. This rate is determined by the air-line distance between toll points and is computed on the basis of 5c for each six miles, up to twenty-four miles, and 5c for each eight miles beyond that distance. "Station to station" calls should be made by number wherever Telephone Directory information is available. Where this information is not available at the calling telephone, such calls may be made by giving the toll operator the name and address of the subscriber at the telephone called.

"PERSON TO PERSON" RATE

When a person makes a toll call, specifying that conversation is desired with a particular person and the connection is established and conversation held with that person, the "person to person" rate applies. As this service requires a greater amount of operating effort, the rate for such calls is about one-fourth greater than the "station to station" rate.

This "person to person" rate is computed on the day rate between the points involved, whether the call is made during the day or during the night, and the minimum charge is 20c.

No "person to person" call is accepted where the "station to station" rate is less than 15c.

"REPORT CHARGE"

When a "person to person" call is made and the particular person desired is not in or will not talk, or when an exact telephone address of the particular person desired has not been given and he cannot be reached at a telephone within one hour a "report charge" applies.

Such a charge also applies if the calling party is absent when the connection is completed within one hour, or if he refuses to talk.

This charge is to cover compensation for the operating work performed and is usually about one-fourth of the "station to station" rate. In any case where a "report charge" applies, the minimum charge is 10c and the maximum \$2.00.

"APPOINTMENT" RATE

When the calling party in placing his call appoints a definite specified time at which he will talk on a "person to person" basis and the conversation is held at the specified time, the "appointment" rate applies. The "appointment" rate is usually about one-half greater than the "station to station" rate.

The "appointment" rate is computed on the day rate between the points involved, whether the call is made during the day or during the night, and the minimum charge is 25c.

No appointment call is accepted where the "station to station" rate is less than 15c.

"Report charges" apply under the same general conditions as specified for "person to person" calls.

"MESSENGER" CALLS

When a call is made on a "person to person" basis and a messenger is required to secure attendance of the designated person at a public pay station at the distant point, the "messenger call" rate applies.

This rate is the same as the "appointment rate" for the same distance, plus any charge for messenger service.

The "messenger call" rate is computed on the day rate between the points involved, whether the call is made during the day or during the night, and the minimum charge is 25c.

Messenger charges incurred are to be paid even if desired conversation is not held.

No "messenger call" is accepted where the "station to station" rate is less than 15c.

"Report charges" apply under the same general conditions as specified for "person to person" calls.

STANDARD TOLL NIGHT RATES

The following reduced rates for night service on a "station to station" basis only are effective 12:01 a. m. January 21, 1919.

8:30 p. m. to 12:00 midnight—
About one-half of the "station to station" day rate.

12:00 midnight to 4:30 a. m.—
About one-quarter of the "station to station" day rate.

For the purpose of applying night rates, the time of day at the point at which a "station to station" message originates is used. The minimum night rate is 25c. Day rates apply on calls made at night when the "station to station" charge is less than the minimum night rate.

"COLLECT CALLS"

"Collect calls" are calls for which the charges are reversed; that is, are to be collected from the subscriber at the distant station at which the call is completed.

Such "collect calls" or reversed charges are allowed only in connection with "person to person" calls.

EXAMPLES SHOWING HOW METHOD IS APPLIED

Assuming the air-line distance between toll points to be more than 144 miles, but not more than 152 miles, the following initial period rates for service under the various classes offered would apply:

"Station to station" rate	\$1.00
Completed "person to person" rate	1.25
Completed "appointment" rate	1.50
Completed "messenger call" rate	1.50
Plus messenger charges.	
Report charge	.25
Rate between 8:30 p. m. and 12:00 midnight, "station to station" service only	.50
Rate between 12:00 midnight and 4:30 a. m., "station to station" service only	.25

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